

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property right or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A coupling apparatus for the temporary attachment of a mobile medical apparatus, said mobile medical apparatus having a vertical pole or standard attached to a wheeled or castered base, to a personal mobile transport vehicle such as a wheelchair, hospital bed or mobile stretcher, said coupling apparatus comprising:

a support means adapted to be secured to one side of said mobile transport vehicle;

an elongated arm member pivotally coupled to said support means, wherein said arm member comprises a cradle means at its distal end for receiving and releaseably holding the vertical pole or standard of said mobile medical apparatus, and wherein said arm member is pivotable within a horizontal plane from a collapsed or storage position alongside said mobile transport vehicle to one or more working or deployed positions about said mobile transport vehicle; and,

means for locking the position of said elongated arm member as said arm member is pivoted through said horizontal plane to said one or more working or deployed positions with respect to said mobile transport vehicle.

2. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said cradle means comprises one or more U-shaped cradle members.
3. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said cradle means comprises a pair of U-shaped cradle members defining an upper cradle member and a lower cradle member rigidly attached one to the other via a bar member extending perpendicularly between said upper and lower cradle members so that said cradle members form parallel extensions of said elongated arm member.

4. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said cradle means further comprises a means for releaseably securing said vertical pole or standard of said mobile medical apparatus to said cradle means.
5. The apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said U-shaped cradle members of said cradle means further comprise a securing strap attached to each cradle member for closing the open end of each said cradle member in order to releaseably secure said pole or standard to said cradle means.
6. The apparatus of Claim 5, wherein said securing straps are provided with hook and loop material.
7. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said elongated arm member further comprises a cylindrical sleeve member at its proximal end; and, wherein said support means comprises a mounting arm having a cylindrical post member vertically mounted at the distal end of said mounting arm for slidably and pivotally engaging said cylindrical sleeve member of said elongated arm member.
8. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said elongated arm member further comprises an elongated strap means attached at one end to said arm member for securing and stabilizing medical equipment or lines which may be attached to, or which may emanate from, said mobile medical apparatus.
9. The apparatus of Claim 9, wherein said elongated strap means is provided with hook and loop material.
10. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said elongated arm member further comprises a cylindrical sleeve member at its proximal end, said sleeve member having one or more holes positioned around the circumference of said sleeve member; and, wherein said support means comprises a mounting arm having a cylindrical post member vertically mounted at the distal end of said mounting arm for slidably and pivotally engaging said cylindrical sleeve member of said elongated arm member; and, wherein

said means for locking the position of said elongated arm member comprises a spring-loaded lock pin operably attached to said cylindrical post member of said support means for lockably engaging the holes of said sleeve member of said arm member as said arm member is pivoted about said cylindrical post member of said support means.